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in an excellent condition world-wide to counter any Soviet military response to such action. Our status of readiness includes:

"a. SAC is maintaining 1/8 airborne alert and has implemented its force dispersal plan. An increased SIOP generation rate--[1,456 aircraft and 355 missiles, including 80 POLARIS missiles] is being maintained.

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"b. Continental Air Defense Command interceptor forces have occupied their wartime dispersal bases and are partially deployed at increased alert (about 1/3). Special defensive measures have been taken to protect the Southeast, with particular attention to Florida.

"c. Air forces involved in CINCLANT OPLAN 312-62 in daylight hours can respond [for selective attack in graduated increments from two to twelve hours, according to the application of force desired.]

"d. Amphibious and assault forces are at a high state of readiness, providing a [seven-day reaction capability for CINCLANT OPLAN 316-62 following the air strike (CINCLANT OPLAN 312-62)], with accelerated introduction of follow-on forces.

"e. All naval units are in a high state of readiness.

"2. In response to your request, we have studied the need for augmentation of forces for CINCLANT OPLAN

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